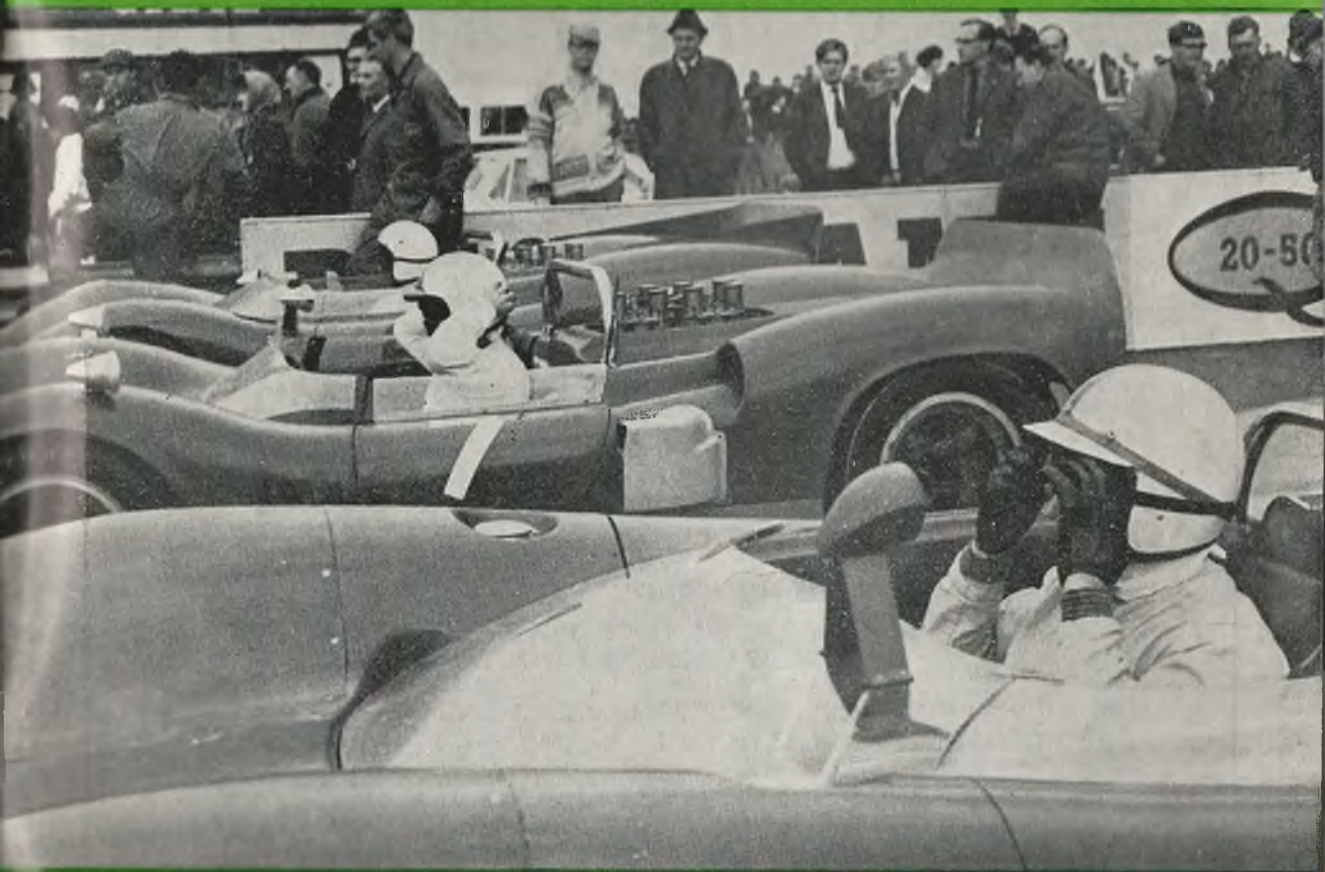
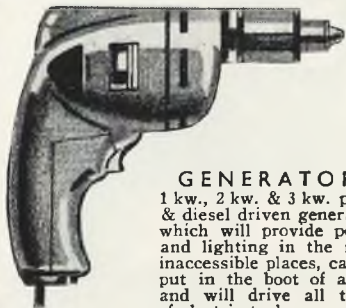




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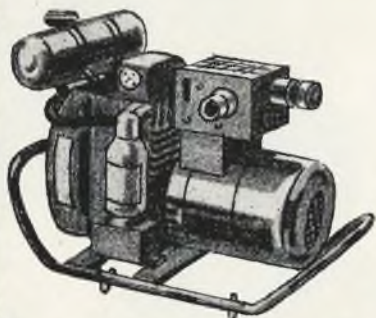
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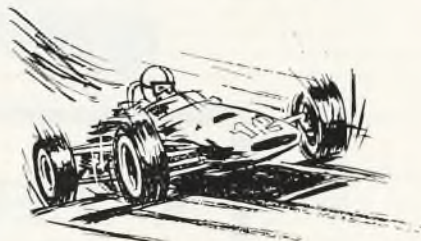
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## Torque

### Quo Vadis ?

A decade or so ago, when our membership was less than half what it is to-day, the outstanding feature of the Centre — striking to newcomers — was the tremendous enthusiasm of the membership generally — a high proportion of which supported the majority of events, competitive and social, irrespective of type.

Nowadays things have changed and, without wishing to return to "the good old days" — an impossibility anyway — we question whether the change is wholly for the best.

Over the last ten years motoring competition has gradually become less of a sport, more of a business, commercialisation permeating downwards from the top until to-day there is little scope left for the ordinary man with his cooking motor car. This trend has undoubtedly had a great effect on club life and outlook and it may be wondered if, in a few years time, clubs such as our own will be much more than organising bodies with little, if any, corporate spirit. Absurd? If the trend continues at the present rate for another five years that situation will certainly be arrived at.

To those, young and old, who regard such a prospect with disfavour the fact less than a dozen members out of 1,220 attended the recent Annual General Meeting to hear those who have laboured hard and long on their behalf give an account of their years stewardship must be deeply disturbing. That the same membership, despite an obvious and urgent need for funds, could produce no better response than 160 participants — many family or friends of members — in the Grand Lottery does nothing to ameliorate their concern. And despite the organisation of a comprehensive series of annual competitions for marshals and competitors, success in which is rewarded by a splendid collection

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### COVER PICTURE

On Whit Sunday, 25th May, we open our 4-meeting Croft season at the North Yorkshire circuit. It's unlikely the three drivers pictured here (Chris Amon, Bruce McLaren or John Surtees) will be in attendance but it should nonetheless be a good days racing.

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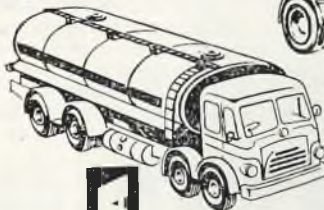
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## TORQUE—continued

of trophies all generously donated by private individuals, less than three dozen members have bothered to enter these competitions for 1969 — a situation which can only be described as pathetic or, perhaps more appropriately, apathetic.

Most of our events, major or minor, are well supported and superficially all appears well with the Centre. But the plain, if unpalatable, fact is that general interest in the Centre in the corporate sense is at its lowest ebb for many years past and all but a few members appear indifferent and more concerned with what they can get out of membership and scarcely at all with what they put in. Like an aircraft with props feathered we can no doubt coast happily on for a while but unless there is a re-awakening to the fact the Centre will in the long run only be a reflection of the general interest of its members the future must, to those who think about these things, be disturbing.

It is a small band which makes our competitive and social activities possible — and ours must be one of the most active local motor clubs in the country — and its members give their services willingly and enjoy doing so. However, if the sole response is to be indifference it is to be wondered if they will continue their efforts and, perhaps, where their successors will be found.

What kind of a Centre you wish this to be is for you, the members, to decide. The purpose of what is said above is to spotlight the situation and present the choice. Which road we take, either by deliberate intention or indifferent default is your choice — and yours alone.

### Hon. Competitions Secretary

The Annual General Meeting brought only one change in Centre "management" — but that an important one. Owing to increasing claims on his time by family and business David Lincoln — who had successfully been dissuaded from resigning from the job of Competitions Secretary a year earlier — felt he now had no choice and, despite considerable pressure, reluctantly asked for his cards and his job passes to Tony Hodgetts, erstwhile secretary of the Events Committee.

The Centre has had many first-class Comps. Secretaries in the past and David was one of the best. His wide knowledge of the "Blue Book", excellent administrative and organising sense, competitive experience especially in rallies, and, above all, his wide fund of common sense served to mark him as an outstanding occupant of the office during the three years he occupied it. Happily David will continue to serve the Centre as a committee member.

To David we say thanks for a job really well done and to Tony offer best wishes for his term of office.

### Events & Social Committees

Immediately after the Annual General Meeting is the time the Social and Events Committees are re-constituted. At the Main Committee meeting on 14th April the Social Committee was re-formed without alteration but in the ballot for nominated places on the Events Committee Gordon Chippindale and Boris Hardcastle were elected for the first time whilst Bob Soper was re-elected.

To Keith Chippindale, who now leaves the Events Committee we offer grateful thanks for his services, both to the Committee and in his continuing function

## R.A.C. Rally 1969

Despite press and other reports to the contrary the 1969 R.A.C. Rally will not be using the Stockton Farm hill as a timed section.

There had been ideas of doing so but these have now been shelved.

### Harewood — Prizes and Entry Fees

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a letter from Malcolm Dungworth gently chiding us for increasing entry fees at Harewood for the first National meeting and reducing the prize money and as a few other competitors have, in the nicest possible way, been similarly critical perhaps the following details will place the matter in proper perspective.

#### Entry Fees — National Meetings — 1968

Loton Park	*£3 3 0	(1969 — £4 4 0)
Prescott	£4 0 0	
Wiscombe Park	£3 0 0	(1969 — £3 10 0)
Barbon Manor	£3 0 0	
Shelsley Walsh	£4 4 0	
Tholt-Y-Will	£5 0 0	
Rest-and-Be-Thankful	£3 3 0	
Harewood	£3 10 0	(1969 — £4 0 0)
Great Auclum	?	
Craigantlet	?	

#### Total Prize Money — National Meetings — 1968 Season

	F.T.D. Awards	Class Awards
Loton Park	£112	£9 per class
Prescott	£75	£15 per class
Wiscombe Park	£40	£3 plus trophy & 1 award
Barbon Manor	£115	£5 & tankard & 2 awards
Shelsley Walsh	£115	2 cups & 1 plaque
Tholt-Y-Will	£110	£5 & trophy 2 awards
Rest-and-Be-Thankful	£175	£5
Harewood	£125	£18
Great Auclum	?	?
Craigantlet	?	?

#### 1969 Season — So Far as Known

Loton Park	£112	£9 per class
Wiscombe Park	£40	£3 plus trophy & 1 award
Harewood	£125	£14 10 0

Additionally we have, at Harewood, previously awarded four prizes of £15 each to the fastest car in each category — a practise which is being discontinued in 1969.

### Harewood Members Spring Hill Climb

The necessity, due to appalling weather, to postpone the opening meeting at Stockton Farm on Sunday, 23rd March, was doubly unfortunate as not only were we robbed of what promised to be an excellent meeting but Centre funds were dealt an unwelcome, though not over-serious, blow. Although not a National event the opening meeting of the year usually attracts the biggest crowd of spectators of the season and is the most financially rewarding — a state of affairs which will probably not be duplicated when the meeting is eventually run later in the year. Inevitably some loss was sustained as services already supplied had to be paid for but the early decision to cancel the meeting

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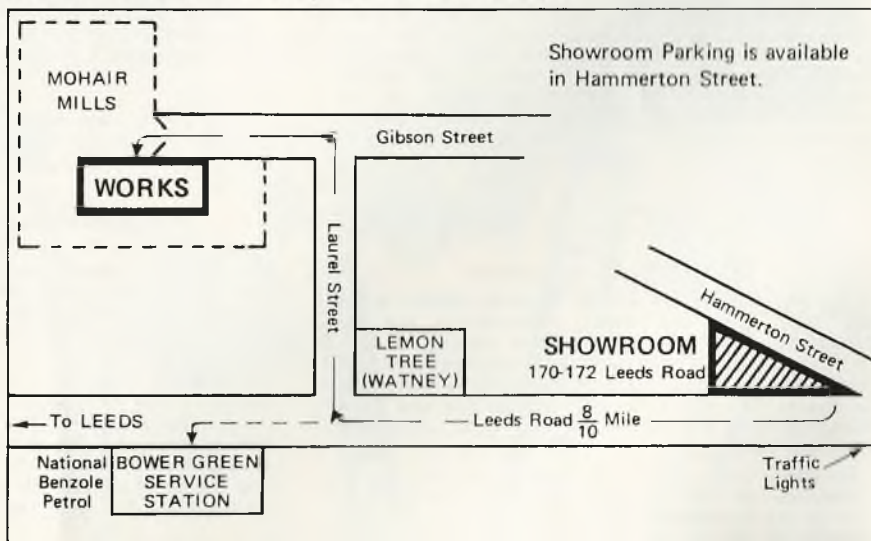
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## TORQUE—continued

enabled competitors and officials to know the situation well before the week-end and the irrevocable financial commitment to be reduced to the minimum.

Arrangements are in hand for the meeting to be held later in the season on Sunday, 10th August so the number of meetings at Harewood during the season will remain as originally planned.

### Miss Linda Thornton

A welcome to Miss Linda Thornton who joined the Centre as Staff Secretary earlier this month.

Miss Thornton will now be officiating at Centre Office and no doubt many members will get to know her in the coming months.

### Centre Circular

Disturbed at the rising cost of the Circular the Committee has decided, as an economy measure, future issues should be of 24 pages instead of the now normal 28 — a reduction which it is estimated will bring down the cost per member per annum from its 1968 level of 13/5d. to about 9/-. Lest it be thought this kind of expense is excessive it should be pointed out that even to send regulations to each member monthly would cost 8/- per head per year, such is the cost of postage nowadays. Surely the 15/- a year we get out of your club subscriptions look pretty meagre against this background.

Inevitably this reduction in size will affect the content of Circulars — in the past 28 pages have rarely been sufficient — and attenuated reports of events, discontinuation altogether of some features and other measures cannot be avoided.

However we'll do our best to keep you properly posted with what's going on in the Centre and, who knows, perhaps your scribe will learn to economise with words!

### Centre Annual Competitions

As a result of Tony Hodgetts appointment as Hon. Competitions Secretary the responsibility for keeping the records of the various Centre Annual Competitions has been taken over by Tony Riall to whom all enquiries etc. should be addressed at Weeding Gate, Stutton, near Tadcaster. Tony is obtainable at Barnsley 5541/2 during office hours or at home at Tadcaster 2155.

### New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

- J. Brierley, Stockbridge, Sheffield.
- J. M. Broadhead, Walton, Wakefield.
- P. D. Chippindale, Bilborough, York.
- C. P. Dawson, Delph.
- R. G. Hooper, Buttershaw.
- A. K. Motthead, Pool-in-Wharfedale.
- L. Phillips, Threshfield.
- P. P. Riley, Emsay, Skipton.
- J. Thompson, Bishop Auckland.
- Dr. D. A. Valentine, Filey.
- A. H. White, Ben Rhydding.

### Joint Members

- Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Sackell, Bridlington.
- Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Wilshaw, Leeds.

### Junior Members

- P. Ashton, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- I. D. Merry, Maryport.

## CLUB NIGHT

TUESDAY 6th MAY

### Scarborough Practise

DRIVING TESTS

## AUTOCROSS

SUNDAY 11th MAY

### High Egborough

## CLUB NIGHT

TUESDAY 20th MAY

### New Members Night

MORLEY R.U.F.C.

## CROFT RACE MEETING

WHIT-SUNDAY 25th MAY

### Croft Autodrome

## HAREWOOD PRACTISE EVENING

TUESDAY 27th MAY

### Stockton Farm

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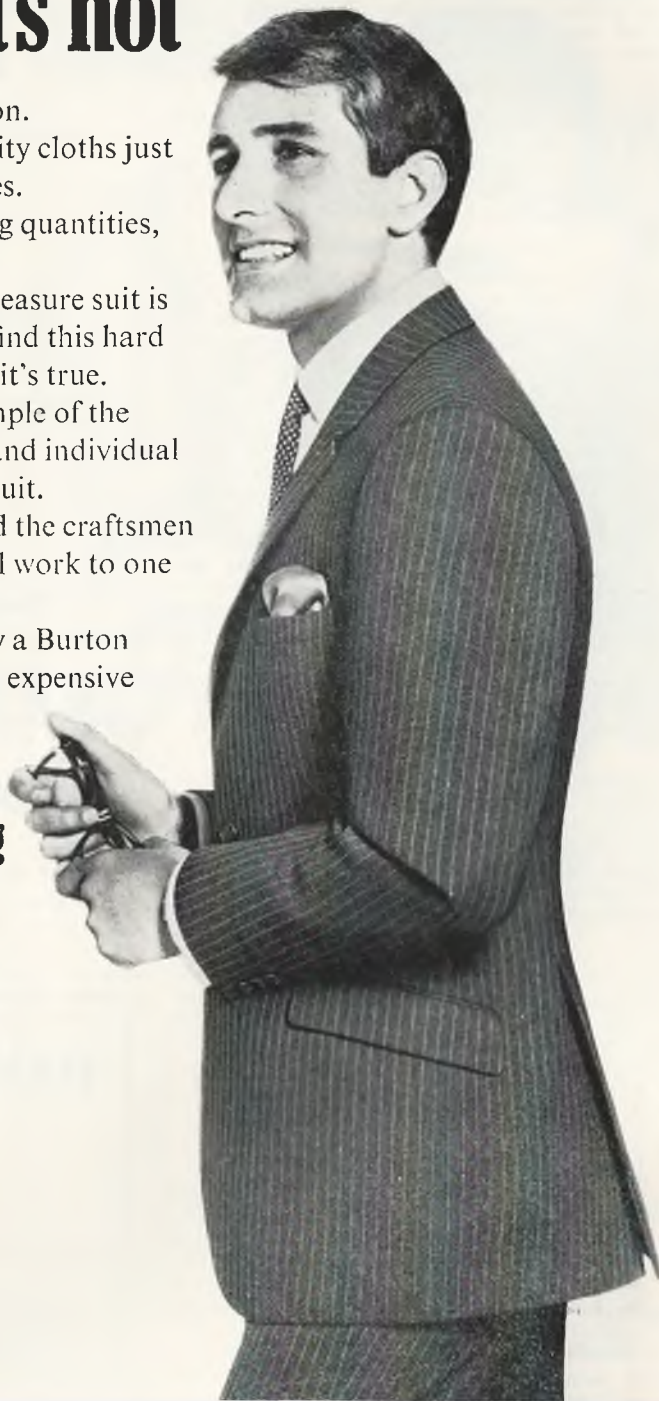
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27th MARCH

With no more than 29 members present — eighteen of them Committee members — attendance at this years A.G.M. reached an all-time low and, inevitably, proceedings tended to be little more than a formality.

After the Hon. Secretary had read the minutes of the last A.G.M. Morris Whaley, Hon. Treasurer, gave his report on Centre finances drawing the attention of listeners to the details published in the February Circular. He pointed out the accounts represented an accurate picture of actual expenditure during the year — which hadn't always been the case for several reasons — and outlined the income/expenditure problem and, especially, the importance of Harewood as a revenue raiser. He expressed concern at diminishing Centre reserves and stressed the importance of raising additional revenue from sources other than Harewood. His report ended with answers to one or two questions.

Harry Mason, Hon. Secretary, gave a comprehensive report of Centre social events during the year and passed on to review the membership situation saying this appeared now to have settled following the club subscription increases, to a level of about 1,220 — a nett increase of 37 during the year. Speaking of club nights he said the holding of two meetings a month appeared popular and that the Social Committee judged, despite the frequently modest attendances at the Southern evenings, these were well worth while. In concluding he referred to the impending departure of the Staff Secretary, Miss Kathy Reyner, wishing her well in her new surroundings.

The Hon. Competitions Secretary, David Lincoln, reported a successful competitive year saying that although entries generally were slightly less than in the previous year they had fallen off far less than anticipated. At Harewood, entries had been as numerous as ever but the general quality level had risen considerably which he thought indicated the soundness of Centre policy. Meetings at Croft had been a sad disappointment due mainly to conflict with other meetings but happily the October meeting had restored the situation somewhat and the new arrangements promised better things in 1969. He felt the 1968 Scarborough Week-End had benefitted greatly from the tremendous efforts made by the organising team, led by Morris Whaley, who had succeeded in restoring this event to its former high level. His review of the past season ended with an expression of thanks to all those who had laboured long and hard to make it all possible. Looking ahead David gave a brief preview of coming events and then announced, owing to growing family and business preoccupations, his retirement from the post of Competition Secretary.

Chairman Mike Wilson then took the floor offering his congratulations to members Peter Lawson, Jeff Goodliffe, Brian Smith and Allan Staniforth for their outstanding successes during the year and then, on a sad note, recorded the deaths during racing accidents of David Pearson, John Waterhouse and Jimmy Goddard. He then passed to thanking all who had done so much in so many ways for the Centre during the year and, especially, three who were laying down their tasks, David Lincoln, John Holroyd and Kathy

There followed the election of officers and committee members but as all those standing down — with one exception — offered themselves for re-election and their numbers equalled the number of vacancies no ballot was necessary, the only change being the election of Tony Hodgetts as Hon. Competitions Secretary in place of David Lincoln who was, however, elected to the vacant committee place.

After the briefest "other business" session Derek Clark proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and proceedings came to an end.

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## CLUB NIGHT

18th MARCH

In the second round of the Inter Club Quiz at Morley R.U.F.C. on Tuesday, 18th March, the Centre team of Jimmy Johnstone, John Holroyd, Chris Winder and David Lincoln faced the de Lacy M.C. of Pontefract team of Mike Bennett, Bud Sewell, Jeff Baker and Phil Drury in front of a 70-strong audience.

In an exciting contest, conducted on T.V. University Challenge lines, our team managed to win by 245 marks to 130 which, as de Lacy had carried the day by an exactly similar margin on the first round at Ferrybridge in February, enabled an honourable draw to be declared.

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## CLUB NIGHT

1st APRIL

The special New Members Club Night at the Scotts Arms, Sicklinghall attracted three newcomers to our ranks whom we were glad to meet and whom we hope we made to feel welcome within our ranks.

Unfortunately the gathering didn't really get going until around nine o'clock and we wonder if other new members came along earlier, possibly thought a mistake had been made and went away again before the session got started. If so, our apologies for not having anticipated this might happen and warned accordingly.

However another New Members Club Night is being held at the Morley R.U.F.C. on 20th May to which they will be doubly welcome — but we suggest they shouldn't expect the gathering to be sizeable or swinging much before nine o'clock. For further details see "NEXT MONTH" elsewhere in this issue.

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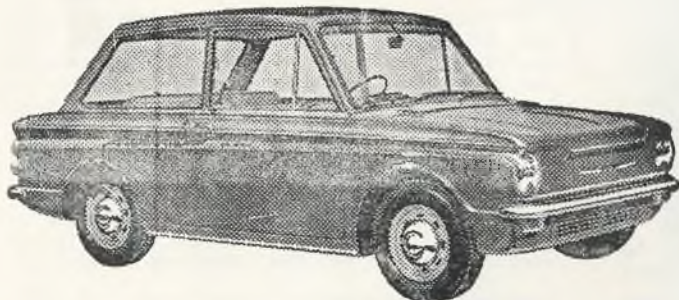
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# COMPETITION HATTER

● You now have a new Competitions Secretary. It's rather daunting to take on this job and try to emulate Michael Baxter, Derek Clark and David Lincoln who have held the position in the twelve years I've been a member. In theatrical phrase "follow that" springs to mind but I'll do my best.

● In the first few weeks of my tenure of office the following invitations have come to hand:

April 27 Leicestershire Car Club Driving Tests at Bruntingthorpe. Start 2 p.m.  
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May 24th ) Lancashire Automobile Club, Sprints at  
Aug. 23rd ) Woodvale. These are revised dates each being put forward a day i.e. to the Saturday instead of Sunday.

June 1st Morecambe Car Club Speed Hill Climb at Leighton Hall near Carnforth. This event clashes with our Montague Burton Trophy meeting but if you don't manage to secure an entry for Harewood you might like to try this alternative event.

● All being well regulations for the 1969 Scarborough Week-End should accompany this Circular. Any of you who have not yet sampled the delights of this event should do so without fail. The combination of competitive scenic and social attractions makes the event unique in character and really good value for money. After his seizure last year Clerk of the Course, David Stead, is unlikely to include any long reverses in the tests!

● Looking back on events in the immediate past the unfortunate snowbound Harewood springs to prominence. Let it suffice to say that the decision to cancel saved the club a heavy loss and we hope the revised date will be attractive.

● Turning to pleasanter topics let us again applaud the efforts of our team in the "War of the Roses" driving tests who succeeded in clinching this years contest with a series of stirring performances. Outstanding was Bob Moorhouse who also won the event overall and whose efforts on Test 6 brought spontaneous applause from the group of frozen spectators at Charringtons loading Bay. Chris England showed that he's as skilful around pylons as ascending hills and John Busfield and Alan Vickers backed up with smooth and accurate positioning to ensure success. It was pleasant to welcome our friends from "over the hill" and I'm pleased to report that Graham Gell took a first class award home with him. Particularly because he and Colin Charlton make the journey from Cheshire to Croft to act as marshals at Yorkshire Centre race meetings.

Mention must be also made of David Pearson who "won" his brand new Cooper to such good effect

that he took home an award. And a final sincere vote of thanks to the marshals who took sun, wind, rain, sleet and snow in their stride to run a most enjoyable event. And to Peter Rogerson who didn't clobber that beautiful new Morgan but the horrible old wagon instead.

● In passing we should note the debut of Peter Lawson at Cadwell Park on Good Friday — not that other event the following day — and impressed onlookers by his pursuit of a very quick driver in a very quick car. And to those of you who don't know it Cadwell is no flat, wide expanse but a miniature Nurburgring where the penalty for error is a sizeable excursion into the scrub and where drivers have been known to get car-sick from the sudden ascents and descents. It also happens to be a delightful spot for a race meeting — or anything else you fancy — and is well worth a visit.

● And finally. Surely this month's headline must be "Brabham fortifies the over-forties".

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## Club Night Evening Event — Tuesday 6th May The Scarborough Practise

Organised by Tony Riall — not John Holroyd as your taffled-up scribe would have it last month — this, the opening evening event of the season, will take place on the former Tockwith airfield (OS Sheet 97 — 4551). The route to the site will be signposted from the Wetherby-York road.

The event will be made up of five tests, all laid out on the disused runways which almost shrieks those essential Yorkshire Centre requirements of "fast and open". The start will open at 6-30 p.m. on the site and entries can either be sent to David Lincoln at 125 Drub Lane, Cleckheaton, Gomersal or made at the start. Entry fee 10/-.

Afterwards there will be a pre and post-results gathering at the Scotts Arms, Sicklinghall which should suitably crown an enjoyable evening.

Despite utterly foul weather — which we hope won't be repeated this year — we had an enormous entry last May for this event which usually proves one of the best supported evening events of the year, possibly because it's also the first.

## Autocross — Sunday 11th May

What with bothers of venue, time and then weather we haven't had the best of luck with autocross meetings in the last few years. However thanks to the co-operation of our friends the de Lacy M.C. of Pontefract who have so readily agreed to allow us to join them for a frolic on their splendid permanent autocross course at High Eggborough we confidently anticipate — especially if the weather is kind — a splendid day on 11th May.

Regulations went out with the March Circular but for the benefit of those who've forgotten the plot we are co-promoting the meeting with deLacy M.C., Y.S.C.C., Sheffield and Hallamshire M.C., Wakefield and District M.C., Worksop and District M.C. and York M.C. — an arrangement which should ensure a big entry.

The High Eggborough course, which features left and right hand bends has a hard packed sand and grass surface — and is little affected by rain — is 880 yards long, undulating and wide enough to allow cars to run in pairs. Each competitor will get two runs — more if time allows. There will be a three-car team knockout relay race after the class runs followed by a run-off for the first round of the Queens Garage Inter Club Trophy competition.

Scrutineering starts at 10-00 a.m., practise at 10-15 a.m. and the first runs at 2-00 p.m. The course is at High Eggborough, near Whitley Bridge, Goole and lies just south of A.645 to the east of that roads intersection with A.19.

## Club Night — Tuesday 20th May

Repeating the experiment of early April this club night will be another New Members Night to be held

at the Morley R.U.F.C. As before members of the Social Committee, wearing name badges, will be in attendance and new members are asked to make themselves known.

Proceedings which probably won't get properly under way much before 9 p.m. will include the final draw for the the Grand Lottery.

To get to the Rugby Club — which lies at 96/257275 — you should get on to the A.650 Bradford-Wakefield road between its intersections with the A.62 Leeds-Huddersfield and A.654 Leeds-Dewsbury roads. Take yourself to the church which lies on the northern side of the road (just east of Carrs of Morley's premises) and turn up St. Andrews Avenue across New Park Street and thence along Scatchard Lane across East Park Street to the next cross-roads where left to the Rugby club which lies on the left.

## Croft Race Meeting — Sunday 25th May

It's well known our 1968 race meeting season at Croft attracted far fewer entries than we'd hoped for — incurring a financial loss — and during the winter we've been working in conjunction with the management of Croft Autodrome and our London head Office to obviate a repetition.

Although we've always kept well clear of events at public holiday times the opportunity of staging a meeting at Croft on Whit Sunday seemed attractive especially as the Autodrome people offered some special inducements. There being no conflicting race meetings on the same day likely to syphon off possible entries we decided to take the plunge.

So, on Sunday 25th May, we open our four-event Centre Croft race meeting season with a Restricted permit promotion featuring 10 lap scratch races for Clubmans Sports, Special Saloon, Prodsports, Grand Touring, Formula Ford and Formulé Libre cars rounded off with a ten lap handicap.

The Formula Ford race will be the first round of the Tate Formula Ford Championship and the meeting is also a qualifier for the British Women Racing Drivers Club Godwin Trophy and Vaux Silver Tankard competitions.

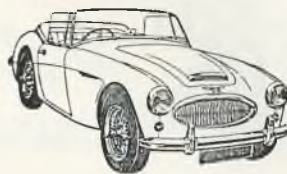
Owing to local authority restrictions practising cannot start until noon but once it does it's pretty hectic and despite the short time available for its completion unless something unusual occurs the first race will be away from the grid at 2-30 p.m. sharp.

Croft is very easily reached either from the A.1 at Catterick or Darlington and is well signposted so you shouldn't have any problems finding it.

With a decided dearth of other race meetings in the country that day we ought to get an unusually good entry so this could well be the best Centre race meeting we've yet put on.

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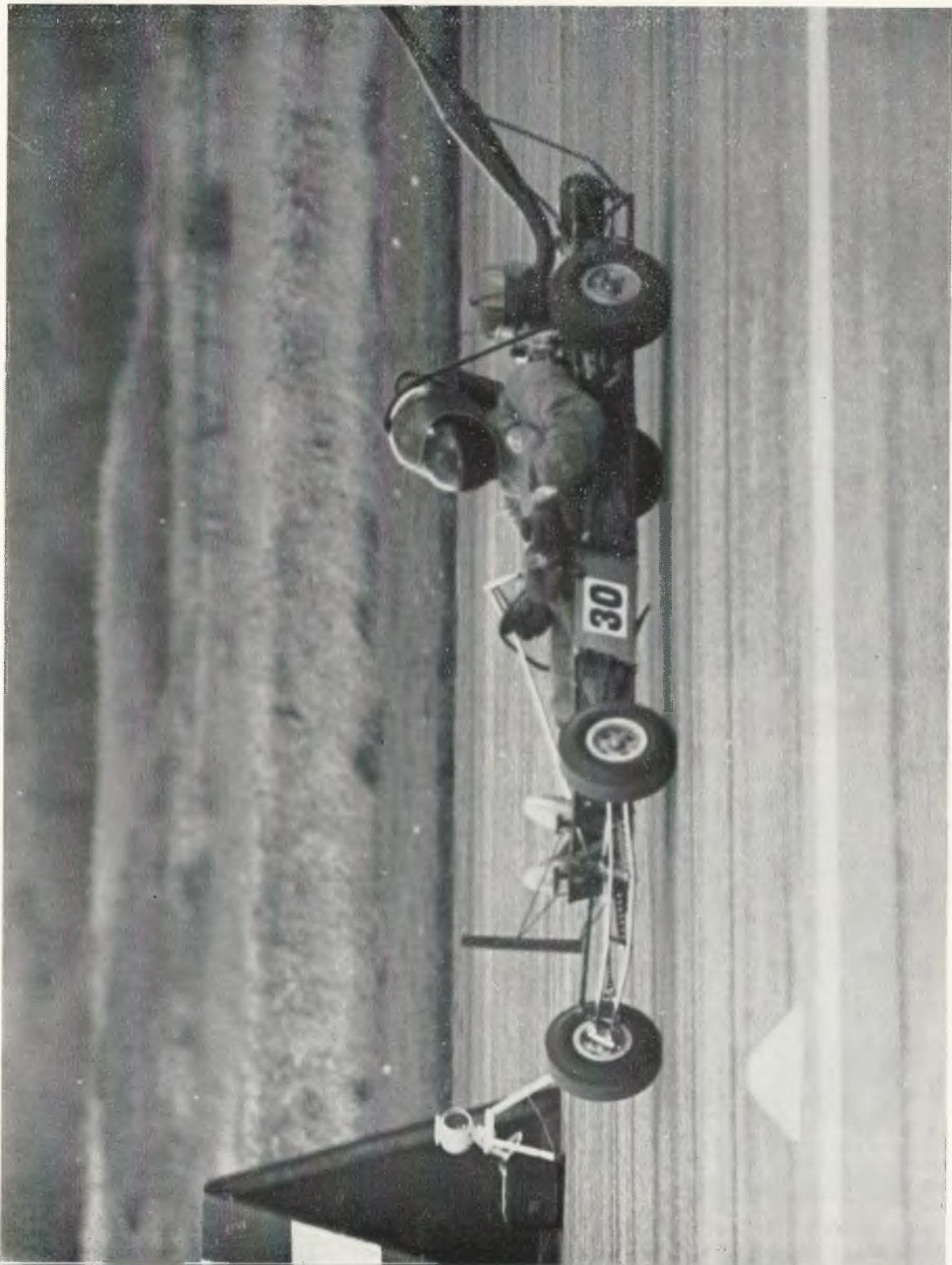
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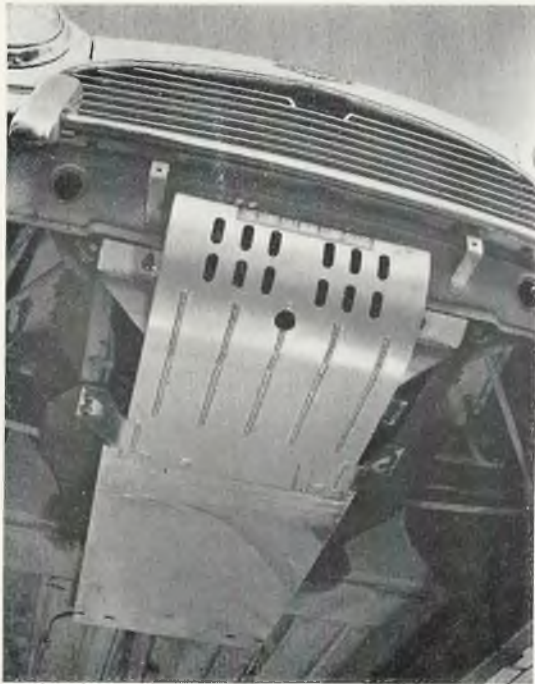
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# COMING SHORTLY

## JUNE

### Harewood Hill Climb — Montague Burton Trophy Meeting Sunday 1st June

First event in a busy month the Montague Burton Trophy meeting at Stockton Farm on 1st June — with practising taking place the previous day — rejoices in National status once again. It will be a gala meeting the competitive side being reinforced with a static display and competitive class for veteran cars, side-shows, and attractions for young and old as well as other attractions.

John Netherwood of Denby Dale Pie fame is master-minding this side of things so you've an idea of what's in store.

### Club Night — Tuesday 3rd June

Two days after Harewood there's the usual monthly social club night at the Scotts Arms, Sicklinghall — purely a Natter and Noggins session but a very enjoyable one no doubt.

### Scarborough Week-End — 7/8th June

The success of last years re-worked event has led the Committee to eschew other than minor alteration to the 1969 Scarborough — as the regs enclosed with this Circular will show.

It will therefore follow the usual pattern of a Saturday start, this time at Rufforth, followed by a series of driving tests — all on private ground, all strictly non-damaging (a point the organisers wish emphasised) and most of the fast, open type — between there and Scarborough with a minimum road mileage, the route being indicated by route card. The following day proceedings will recommence at a sensible hour with further tests in the Scarborough area with a final finish in the town. To introduce a little variety organisers David Stead and Tony Riall have found several new test sites.

The Figure of Merit marking system and scale of awards remain unchanged with trophies for the three best performances, Scarborough Cups for those with 95% and over and Scarborough Plates for the three highest-placed entrants who haven't previously won a Scarborough Cup. Triple award Gold Cups are awarded to winners of Cups in three successive years but this time only J. S. Richardson is eligible.

Last year competitors were allocated to classes on a somewhat arbitrary test performance basis which, in conjunction with careful laying out of tests to give the bigger cars a chance of getting round tolerably comfortably, worked well so the same system is being used again.

The Scarborough is a voracious consumer of marshals — we need over 50 per day just to man the tests in addition to the start, finish, results and similar parties. If you're free and willing — especially on the Saturday — please let Bob Soper who is Chief Marshal

know at Eastbrook Cottage, Low Way, Bramham, (Boston Spa 3772) as quickly as possible.

On the social side once again there will be a Headquarters hotel, the Royal, St. Nicholas Street, where a block reservation of rooms has been made at the following approximate rates:

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On the Saturday evening there will be a Private Centre dance in the Royal Hotel Ballroom — open to member and competitor non-residents — to which each competitor and marshal will receive two free tickets with his final instructions. Additional tickets will be available at 5/- each from any member of the Social Committee, Centre Office, at the start at Rufforth or, if any are left, at the door.

### Club Night Evening Event — Tuesday 17th June

Apart from saying this is being laid on by Bruce Moss assisted by John Ison and will probably take place somewhere in the south side of Leeds with a finish at Morley R.U.F.C. there isn't any other information we can give just now. However this is always an enjoyable and especially well-supported affair, especially with a lot of daylight available in mid-June.

### Midsummer Rave Mk. III — Friday 20th June

This years summer dance is being held in the Village Hall, Collingham on 20th June. After a period in the doldrums the summer shindig has been a sell-out in recent years and if you intend coming, an early application for your tickets — 7/6d. each — is advised as soon as they come on sale.

### E. A. Denny Trial — Sunday 22nd June

For those who've recovered from the Summer Dance this event has a good deal to commend it. As usual, the organisation is in the hands of the Yorkshire Sports Car Club with whom we co-promote it and it is much to be hoped this long-established and always enjoyable day out will be better-supported than it was last year. Once again it's a trifle early for details which, with regulations, should appear in the May Circular.

### Croft Race Meeting — Sunday 29th June

The Centre June programme concludes with the second of our race meetings of the season at Croft. Held under restricted permit the meeting will include scratch races for Formula Ford, Saloon, G.T.

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# DRIVING TESTS

13th APRIL

Despite the counter attractions of another driving test meeting and an autocross nearby and the handicap of sleet, snow and rain — tempered with bursts of bright sunlight — this meeting, at Tower Brewery, Tadcaster, was much better supported than anticipated, 36 competitors taking part. Included amongst these was a team from our Red Rose rivals of the North Western Centre anxious to avenge their first leg defeat in the War of the Roses inter-Centre competition. By dint of some splendid driving by Chris England, John Busfield, Bob Moorhouse and Alan Vickers however their intentions were thwarted and we managed to take the custody of the Roses shield for 1969.

Our hosts, Messrs. Bass, Charrington (North) Ltd., not content with kindly allowing us to use their premises to play in also laid on most generous post-event hospitality — which greatly impressed the lads from across the Pennines — for which we are most deeply grateful.

## Results

### Class 1.

1. J. C. England (Austin Cooper) .....	420.9
2. D. G. Pearson (Morris Cooper) .....	425.8
3. D. K. Haigh (Morris Cooper) .....	458.7
4. H. White (Morris Cooper) .....	470.7
5. D. N. Townsend (Morris Mini) .....	485.0
6. P. Rogerson (Austin Cooper S) .....	485.2
7. A. J. Hodgetts (Morris Mini Traveller) .....	495.7
8. A. J. Simpson (Cooper S) .....	504.2
9. D. G. Thomas (Morris Mini) .....	509.7
10. A. K. Mottershead (Morris Cooper) .....	513.6
11. Mrs. D. Simpson (Cooper S) .....	605.5

### Class 2.

1. R. G. Hooper (Hillman Imp) .....	452.9
2. J. M. Busfield (Sunbeam Imp Sport) .....	454.9
3. B. A. Kitching (Sunbeam Stiletto) .....	486.9
4. L. B. Walls (VW 1500) .....	525.6

### Class 3.

1. E. P. Millman (Fiat 124 Estate) .....	448.3
2. J. Jolley (Ford Escort G.T.) .....	457.6
3. R. N. Prentice (Ford Escort G.T.) .....	464.7
4. J. D. Haynes (Vauxhall Viva) .....	516.8
5. D. F. Herbert (Singer Vogue) .....	522.2
6. M. M. Rogerson (Ford Cortina G.T.) .....	526.4
7. N. P. Smith (Hillman Minx) .....	535.6
8. J. Lamb (Lotus Cortina) .....	587.0

### Class 4.

1. R. G. Moorhouse (Lotus 7) .....	412.2
2. A. J. Armitage (M.G. Midget) .....	450.0
3. G. Gell (M.G. Midget) .....	485.3
4. A. K. Vickers (Triumph TR 4A) .....	497.8
5. S. Lloyd (Triumph Spitfire) .....	506.4
6. C. J. Shaw (Sunbeam Tiger) .....	507.4
7. C. Charlton (M.G. B) .....	508.2
8. P. R. Jones (M.G. Midget) .....	551.4
9. A. J. Burton (Lotus Super) .....	561.2
10. D. J. Hill (Lotus Elan) .....	562.5
11. G. Atkinson (M.G. B) .....	567.0
12. T. S. Holch (Triumph Spitfire) .....	575.8

## War of the Roses Competition

### North Western Centre

D. G. Thomas .....	509.7
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G. Gell .....	485.3

### Yorkshire Centre

J. C. England .....	420.9
J. M. Busfield .....	454.9
R. G. Moorhouse .....	412.2
A. K. Vickers .....	497.8

Total 1785.8

## Awards

Best Overall .....	R. G. Moorhouse (412.2)
First Class .....	G. D. Pearson (425.8)
	J. Jolley (457.6)
	G. Gell (485.3)
	A. J. Armitage (450.0)
Special Awards .....	J. C. England (420.9)
	R. G. Hooper (452.9)
	E. P. Millman (448.3)

## NEXT MONTH—continued

### Club Night Evening Event — Tuesday 27th May Harewood Practise Evening

On Whit Tuesday, 27th May, we're holding the fourth practise evening at Stockton Farm — and if the response equals that of its three predecessors its success is assured.

As its name makes clear this is purely a practise evening and strictly non-competitive. Its object is to give those who've never driven up in anger an opportunity of doing so, those with unsorted motors a chance of doing a little segregation and those who just like driving up a spot of amusement. The only requirements are a crash hat, car which will get past Sid Hanson and a quid to buy yourself two runs. This being a speed event however you must enter beforehand — an application to practise form is enclosed with this Circular.

This being Whit Tuesday an early start can be made so Sid will be ready to fratch about double return springs on throttles and all the gubbins from 3-30 p.m. onwards and the first runs will commence about 30 minutes later. These will go on until 8-15 p.m. when the paddock exit road will be closed to give the marshals a chance of getting everything packed up and away for a brief snort at the Scotts Arms before they close. No doubt the usual post-event gathering will congregate at the Scotts.

Just the job for rounding off Whitsun pleasantly whether you intend taking part or just wandering round looking.

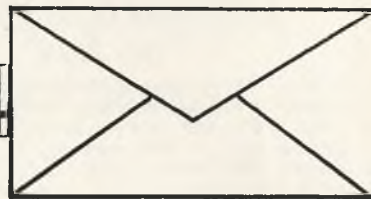
## COMING SHORTLY—continued

and Prodsports cars as well as one — or more if entries warrant — handicap event.

The Formula Ford race will be a qualifying round of the Tate Formula Ford Championship, the Saloon Car event a qualifier for the Osram-GEC B.A.R.C. Saloon Car Championship, the G.T. race a round of the Motoring News G.T. Championship and the Prodsports event a qualifier for the Fred W. Dixon Chevron Oils Production Sports Championship. So really this might be called an all-championship affair — with an anticipated entry of quantity and quality to fit.

As usual scrutineering in the morning with practise commencing at noon sharp and the meeting proper

# Correspondence



The opinions expressed by correspondents are their own and do not of necessity correspond either with those of the Editor or of the Centre Committee. Letters for publication should be addressed to J. A. Stroud, 495, Bradford Road, Bailiffe Bridge, Brighouse, Yorkshire.

## Entry Fees & Awards

Dear Sir,

I greeted the arrival of the Regulations for the Spring National Meeting at Harewood with usual enthusiasm, only to be confronted with the outrageous facts that the entry fees had been increased, prize money reduced in the lower class positions, and category awards omitted.

Whilst appreciating that economies have to be made to bring the Centre into a more solvent financial position, I feel sure that this is going against the statement in the Editorial of the February Circular, which said "Expenditure will have to be pruned and income increased but lest it be thought this presages sharp reductions in the quality of awards and increases in entry fees it should be said the Committee has no thoughts of acting at the expense of one section of the membership".

The entrants who will be most affected by these charges are the ones who, in most cases, can least afford to be, i.e. the centre members who back up the National Meetings knowing full well that they have little hope of success.

A far better method, I think, would have been to abolish all prize money for this and maybe next season, and give small token awards for F.T.D. and first in class places, leaving the entry fee as it was at the beginning of last season, thus returning to purely amateur sport.

Yours faithfully,

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# DATES

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## YORKSHIRE CENTRE PROGRAMME

Date 1969	Event	Status	Centre Annual Competitions
6 May	* Scarborough Practice Driving Test	Closed	CK
11 May	Autocross	Closed Jt.	KA
20 May	● Club Night — Social — Morley	—	—
25 May	Members Race Meeting, Croft	Restricted	NK
27 May	* Harewood Practice Evening	Closed	K
31 May/1 June	Montague Burton Trophy Hill Climb, Harewood	Nat. Brit.	KAB
3 June	Club Night — Social — Sicklinghall	—	—
7/8 June	Scarborough Week End	Restricted	NCKA
7 June	Scarborough Dance	—	—
17 June	* Driving Tests	Closed	K
20 June	Summer Dance	—	—
22 June	E. A. Denny Trial	Closed Jt.	CK
29 June	Members Race Meeting, Croft	Restricted	NK
1 July	* Autocross	Closed	K
15 July	Club Night — Social — Morley	—	—
20 July	Novices & Vintage Hill Climb, Harewood	Restricted	KB
3 August	Joint Driving Tests	Closed Jt.	K
5 August	* Greenwood Cup Trial Practice	Closed	CK
10 August	Harewood Members Hill Climb	Restricted	KB
17 August	Members Race Meeting, Croft	Restricted	NK
19 August	Club Night — Social — Morley	—	—
31 August	Annual Cricket Match	—	—
2 September	* Birds Event	Closed	CK
13/14 September	Championship Hill Climb, Harewood	Nat. Brit.	KB
13 September	BARC-BQ Dance, Harewood	—	—
16 September	Club Night — Social — Morley	—	—
27/28 September	Scarborough Hill Climb	Nat. Brit.	KB
7 October	* Harewood Safari	Closed	K
19 October	Members Race Meeting, Croft	Restricted	NK
21 October	Club Night — Social — Morley	—	—
26 October	Greenwood Cup Trial	Closed Jt.	CKA
4 November	Club Night — Social — Sicklinghall	—	—
18 November	Club Night — Social — Morley	—	—
29 November	Annual Dinner Dance	—	—
2 December	Club Night — Social — Sicklinghall	—	—
16 December	Club Night — Social — Morley	—	K

● Grand Lottery Draw.

\* Club Night Evening Event.

### CENTRE ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

Events marked "N" must be entered under B.A.R.C. to qualify for marking.

Events marked "C" qualify for the Chippy-lola Vase competition.

Events marked "K" qualify for the Ken Lee Trophy competition.

Events marked "A" qualify for the Arnold Burton Trophy competition.

Events marked "B" qualify for the John Bindloss Memorial Trophy competition.

All competitive events qualify for the Pearce Trophy/Firth Bowl competition.

Regulations for all events will be automatically distributed to Yorkshire Centre members as published.

## OTHER EVENTS

1969

\* Indicates B.A.R.C. (Yorks.) Invited.

MAY

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|-------------|---|
| 3rd         | * Race Meeting, Oulton Park — Lancs. & Cheshire M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 3/4         | Hill Climb, Prescott — (Int.) — (RAC Champ.) — Bugatti O.C.   |
| 4th         | Autocross — Peterborough C.C. (B.T.R.D.A. Autocross Champ. — Midlands)  |
| 4th         | Autocross — Worksop & D.M.C. (Players No. 6 Champ. — North).  |
| 4th         | * Hill Climb, Baitings Dam — Huddersfield M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 4th         | * Autocross, Horley — Chislehurst M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 4th         | Driving Tests — S.C.C. of Norfolk (Castrol/B.T.R.D.A. Autotest Champ.)  |
| 4th         | * Race Meeting, Croft — B.R.S.C.C. — Regs from Mrs. S. Wood, Northern Centre Office, York House, 21 Park Street, Leeds.   |
| 4th         | * Race Meeting, Mallory Park (Closed) — B.A.R.C. (E. Midlands)  |
| 4th         | * Race Meeting, Thruxton (Closed) — (Motor News Spec. G.T. Champ.) — B.A.R.C. (H.Q.)  |
| 4th         | Targa Florio (Int.)   |
| 4th         | Spanish Grand Prix (Int.)   |
| 9/11th      | Welsh Rally (Int.)  |
| 10th        | * Race Meeting, Castle Combe (Restricted) — (BARC/OSRAM-GEC Champ. & Motor News Spec. G.T. Champ. & Fred W. Dixon Champ.) — B.A.R.C. (Bristol & Bath)           |
| 11th        | * Autocross, Pottenden Manor — East Surrey M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 11th        | * Race Meeting, Oulton Park — M.G. Car Club — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 11th        | * Sprint, Santa Pod — London M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 11th        | * Race Meeting, Snetterton — West Essex M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 11th        | * Race Meeting, Mallory Park — Mid-Cheshire M.R.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 11th        | Driving Tests — A.W.R.E.M.C. (Castrol/B.T.R.D.A. Autotest Champ.)   |
| 11th        | Scholar Trophy Sprint, Santa Pod Raceway — Restricted — (Santa Pod Sprint Championship) — London M.C. — Regs from B. H. Ross, 8 Ringwood Avenue, London N.2.    |
| 11th        | 1000 Kms. Race of Spa (Int.)  |
| 11th        | Race Meeting, Brands Hatch (Nat. British) — Maidstone & Mid-Kent M.C  |
| 14/18th     | Austrian Alpine Rally (Int.)  |
| 17th        | Martini Trophy Meeting, Silverstone (Int.)  |
| 17/18th     | Hill Climb, Woburn Park (Nat. British) — S.O.D.C.   |
| 17/18th     | Hill Climb, Wiscombe (Nat. British) — (RAC Champ.) — West Hants & Dorset C.C.   |
| 17/18th     | * Roddy's Driving Tests (Closed) — B.A.R.C. (East Midlands)   |
| 18th        | Autocross — Hagley & D.M.C. (Players No. 6 Champ. — Midlands).  |
| 18th        | * Dimanche Rally — Farnborough M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 18th        | * Driving Tests, Felixtow Rally — Eastern Counties M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 18th        | * Race Meeting, Mallory Park — Mini Seven Club — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 18th        | * Race Meeting, Snetterton — TEAC — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 18th        | Driving Tests — Eastern Counties M.C. (Castrol/B.T.R.D.A. Autotest Champ.)  |
| 18th        | * Sprint, Sandtoft (Restricted) — S. Yorks. Enthusiasts C.C. — Regs from M. G. Dixon, 13 South Dale Close, Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.                               |
| 18th        | * Race Meeting, Cadwell Park — B.R.S.C.C. — Regs from Mrs. S. Wood, Northern Centre Office, York House, 21 Park Street, Leeds.                                  |
| 18th        | * Race Meeting, Brands Hatch (Closed) — (Motor News Spec. G.T. Champ.) — B.A.R.C. (Surrey)  |
| 18th        | Monaco Grand Prix (Int.)  |
| 18th        | * Autocross (Restricted) — B.A.R.C. — (N.W.)  |
| 23rd        | Manx Trophy Rally (Nat. British) — (Motor News Champ.) — Manx AS — Regs from R. Lightfoot, Ballamenagh Cottage, Abbeylands, Onchan. I.O.M.                      |
| 24/25th     | * Badger Rally — Broxbourne M.C. — Regs. from B.A.R.C. (London).  |
| 24th        | * Race Meeting, Rufforth — B.R.S.C.C. — Regs from Mrs. S. Wood, Northern Centre Office, York House, 21 Park Street, Leeds.                                      |
| 24th        | * Sprint, Woodvale — Lancs. A.C. — Regs from B. Hartley, 1 Avenue Parade, Accrington.   |
| 25th        | * Autocross, Thixendale Wold — York M.C. — Regs from B.A.R.C. (London).   |
| 25th        | * Hill Climb, Gurton Down (Closed) — (Castrol/BARC Champ.) — B.A.R.C. (S.W.)  |
| 25th        | Montseny Hill Climb, Spain — (Mountain Champ.)  |
| 26th        | Autocross — Hagley & D.C.C. (B.T.R.D.A. Autocross Champ. — Midlands)  |
| 26th        | Autocross — Liverpool M.C. (Players No. 6 Champ. — North).  |
| 26th        | * Race Meeting, Castle Combe (Restricted) — Hagley & Dist. L.C.C. — Regs from J. H. Dorsett, c/o Watson & Partners Ltd., Mart Lane, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs. |
| 26th        | Gerard Trophy Meeting, Mallory Park (Nat. Open)   |
| 26th        | Race Meeting, Crystal Palace (Int.) — (European F2 Trophy) — B.R.S.C.C.   |
| 26th        | R.A.C. Tourist Trophy, Oulton Park (Int.)   |
| 26th        | Race Meeting, Thruxton (Nat. British) — (Motor News Special G.T. Champ. & BARC/OSRAM-GEC Champ. & Fred W. Dixon Champ.) — B.A.R.C. (H.Q.)                       |
| 26th        | Race Meeting, Castle Combe (Nat. British) — Hagley & District L.C.C.  |
| 26th        | * Rallycross, Lydden Hill (Closed) — B.A.R.C. (S.E.)  |
| 29/1st June | Acropolis Rally (Int.)  |
| 30th        | Indianapolis 500 (Int.)   |
| 31st        | Hill Climb, Barbon (Nat. British — (RAC Champ.) — Westmorland M.C.  |

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